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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified Application as follows and consider the subsequent Remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 2 is a diagram which depicts a preferred embodiment of an imaging system constructed in accordance with the teachings of the present invention. In the preferred embodiment, the system 30 includes the digital camera and background image memory 14 of Fig. 1. However, in the preferred embodiment, the image processor 20 is implemented with a comparator 40, AND gate 42 and microcontroller 50. The background image is stored as per Fig. 1. However, in the preferred embodiment, the comparator scans the dynamic live video image and compares it to the stored background image on a pixel by pixel basis. If there is a match, the comparator 40 outputs a logical one, which is inverted

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